

The next WISSH meeting is Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.

Town of Wenham
Wenham Issues of Social Service Housing
Meeting of Tuesday, March 6, 2007 ~ 3:30 PM
Recreation Building, School Street

Present: Susan Harnisch, Chair; Ann Mulry- Shaw; Margaret Scoglio; Sue Bannon; Tom Tanous; Don Killam;
Also Present: Catherine Tinsley, Secretary; Pat Purdy
Not Present: Susan Carp; Cal Perkins; Jack Hauck; Bob Blanchard; Win Dodge; Don Luxton; Ken Walsh

Abbreviations used:

WISSH - Wenham Issues of Social Service Housing

BOS – Board of Selectmen

Public information provided:

Agenda

Ms. Harnisch called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Tanous made a motion to accept the WISSH minutes of February 6, 2007 as written. Mr. Killam seconded.

Voting in favor: Sue Harnisch; Ann Mulry- Shaw; Margaret Scoglio; Sue Bannon; Tom Tanous; Don Killam;

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Susan Harnisch - WISSH Coordinator

Ms. Harnisch reported the following:

- WISSH Account balance: \$20,286.24 (including fund raising/grant money)
- Case no. 212-2007: Request for emergency assistance of utility bill for \$247.00.
 - Approved by Ms. Bannon & Ms Scoglio
- A request has been received for assistance for heating oil. The last date this resident received assistance was March 23, 2006. According to the WISSH Bylaws each family is allowed \$500 in assistance per year, therefore this request will be granted on or after March 23, 2007.

Mr. Killam made a motion to approve this request for \$247.00 for utilities upon the anniversary date of March 23, 2007.

Ms. Bannon seconded.

Voting in favor: Sue Harnisch; Ann Mulry- Shaw; Margaret Scoglio; Sue Bannon; Tom Tanous; Don Killam;

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Recently the Town made a donation to Senior Care from WISSH funds in the amount of \$2500.00; There is no record of the WISSH Committee's authorization. This will be looked into further.

Loretta Cusick, who is involved with the Hamilton assistance program, can not attend Tuesday meetings. A copy of the letter sent to Wenham residents appealing for donations was shared with Hamilton.

According to the WISSH Bylaws, members are required to attend meetings regularly.

Police Chief Ken Walsh, Fire Chief Bob Blanchard, and Win Dodge have informed the Chair that they are no longer able to attend WISSH meetings regularly and will submit their resignation to the BOS.

The BOS Chair, Peter Hersee has been notified.

On behalf of the WISSH Committee, Ms. Harnisch as Chair will submit information for the Hamilton/Wenham Business Council for the Community Service Award Program. This must be received by May 1, 2007.

A person is needed to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Housing Authority for Enon Village, which meets 10 times a year on Tuesday evenings. This is an elected position.

A brief conversation regarding affordable housing in Wenham followed.

There is no update regarding Burnham Road housing project.

The Senior Care Anniversary Gala is on Friday night, April 20, 2007 at the Danversport Yacht club. Proceeds go toward Senior Care programs.

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4:15 pm – Mr. Killam made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.